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PROJECT FACT SHEET

FARNHAM PARK, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

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CONGRESSIONAL INFO: Sen. Corzine NJ, Sen. Lautenberg NJ, Rep. Andrews NJ-1

ACTIVITY: Continuing Authorities

TYPE: Environmental Restoration

STUDY PHASE: Planning, Design and Analysis (Being Closed Out)

AUTHORITY: Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Section 1135, as amended

LOCATION: Farnham Park is located adjacent to the Cooper River. This historic park could become a major piece of the Camden Greenways as Cooper River Linear Park, and a link in the Delaware River Greenway.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The City of Camden was the Non-Federal sponsor and owns the land associated with the project. Originally a wooded and swampy site, the area was developed in the early 1900s into a 70-acre formal Victorian park. The lower section (40 acres) is the focus of the restoration where the marsh area would be modified to create a tide-controlled freshwater pond environment. This restoration would have provided environmental benefits by expanding on the diversity of the overall site. The stable water elevation would be instrumental in the control of a large area of invasive plants, primarily *Phragmites communis*. Construction of the dike and the incorporation of bio-engineering techniques for re-vegetating the perimeter edges of the pond were proposed to stabilize shoreline.

PROJECT STATUS: Federal funds were used to undertake advanced design of 3 alternatives, prepare 3 detailed cost estimates and conduct environmental and permit coordination. The City of Camden requested study termination due to costs associated with contaminated sediment which under Corps regulations is solely a non-Federal responsibility to remove prior to implementation of a Corps project. In addition, the sponsor supported design emphasizing recreation proved too costly to be implemented under an accelerated process. The project is being closed out.

FINANCIAL DATA: (\$000)

Estimated Federal Cost:	\$345
Estimated Non-Federal Cost:	\$0
Total Estimated Cost:	\$345

BUDGET DATA: (\$000)

FY03:	\$70
FY04:	\$75

CRITICAL ISSUES: None

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